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BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN THE MEDIA

This publication lists start-ups, expansions, staff reductions, and layoffs reported by the media, both current and future. The report provides company name, the number of workers involved, date of the action, the principal product or service of the company, a brief synopsis of the action, and the source and date of the media article.

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STARTUPS AND EXPANSIONS IN JANUARY 2026

- [Key Food to fill supermarket vacancy in Shelton shopping center](#)
- [Popular hot chicken restaurant opens new CT location Friday](#)
- [T.J. Maxx sets opening date for store at Shops at Stone Bridge in Cheshire](#)
- [Fast-growing chicken chain Birdcode opens in Cheshire, continuing CT expansion](#)
- [Hotels are on the rise in Connecticut. Here's what opened in 2025 and what's coming in 2026.](#)
- [Little Charm Eatery opens in Wallingford, serving Thai and Asian fusion cuisine](#)
- [New sports bar with familiar name set to open in Hartford](#)
- [Stew Leonard says he's eyeing New Haven area for new store. Here are some possible sites](#)
- [Yemeni coffee shop Qahwah House to open in Stamford as its first Connecticut location](#)
- [Crunch Fitness to expand Connecticut footprint with new Torrington and Southington locations](#)
- [Whole Foods sets opening date of Feb. 5 for new Cheshire store](#)
- [West Haven wooing Wegman's to open its second store in Connecticut](#)
- [Western retailer Boot Barn to open new Connecticut store in old Party City location](#)
- [Meriden board OKs new gas station at West Main Street and Chamberlain Highway](#)
- [First-time restaurant owners open Poke Kitchen in East Windsor shopping plaza](#)
- [Queen Street Pizza opens in Southington at former Renaldo's Apizza & Pasta](#)
- [Indian cybersecurity firm to establish regional U.S. HQ in CT following CI investment](#)
- [Former Bridgeport Stop & Shop to open in spring as self-storage — a plan that faced local opposition](#)
- [A CT drive-through business so popular staff serves customers in parking lots is opening new site](#)
- [Pizza chain Colony Grill announces sixth Connecticut location](#)
- [Mobile dirty soda shop based in Southington to open shops in Milford and Plainville](#)

LAYOFFS AND RELOCATIONS FOR JANUARY 2026

- [Shoreline bank seeks to close Madison branch in March](#)
- [Longtime CT diner, one of last of original drive-ins, closes. 'My heart is truly aching': customer](#)
- [Old Greenwich coffee shop Joe Studio Café closes after 6 years due to 'financial strain'](#)
- [Popular longtime CT bakery closes. Customers lament; owner insists 'do not worry about me.'](#)
- [CT Boot & Shoe closed in Torrington but shoes will again be offered at the old Howards Shoe Store](#)
- [Video game retailer resumes Connecticut store closings](#)
- [M&T Bank announces plan to close 10 branches at Stop & Shop stores in Connecticut](#)
- [Macy's to close Cheshire distribution centers, cutting nearly 1,000 Connecticut jobs](#)
- [Toy Maker Confirms Timeline For Enfield Exit After Nearly 50 Years](#)
- [South Windsor Facility To Close After New Wave Of Layoffs](#)
- [Macy's plans to lay off 57 employees in South Windsor, months after it laid off 106](#)
- [Norfolk pub closes Jan. 31 at the Royal Arcanum: 'This is the cornerstone of this community'](#)
- [Francesca's to close all stores nationwide, including 7 locations in Connecticut](#)
- [Westbrook Outlets redevelopment faces delays as more stores close](#)
- [Longtime Trumbull hibachi restaurant shuttered for good](#)
- [CT restaurant and ice cream shop to close next month. 'You guys are obviously loved,' a fan](#)
- [Amazon cuts about 16,000 corporate jobs in the latest round of layoffs](#)
- [Amazon announces 16,000 new layoffs, leaving questions about Connecticut jobs](#)
- [Two CT Saks Off 5th stores close as parent company shuttered most locations](#)
- [CT Boot & Shoe closed in Torrington but shoes will again be offered at the old Howards Shoe Store](#)